(c) whether such undesired persons have also been nabbed at certain places; and

(d) if so, the details of the persons nabbed during last one year?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRITR. BAALU): (a)to(d) Under the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, the State Governments are empowered to appoint Licencing/Registering Authorities to issue the Driving Licences and Registration Certificates for motor vehicles. The Central Government has no role in this regard as the matter comes totally under the purview of the State Governments. As and when any complaint in the matter is received, the same is sent to the concerned State Government for necessary action.

Universal safety on National Highways

3323. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to adopt a new scheme for providing universal safety on National Highways, to be funded from tolls and cess on petrol and diesel etc.;

(b) if so, what are the safety measures envisaged under the scheme; and

(c) the steps taken to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir. Committee on Infrastructure (COI) has endorsed a proposal of the Ministry for setting up a dedicated Safety Fund into which one per cent of the cess revenues allocated for National Highways would be earmarked.

(b) and (c) Detailed proposals are under consideration and it would be too early to indicate the details of the scheme and its implementation.

Accidents due to overloading of trucks

†3324. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the overloading of trucks more than their capacity leads to accidents due to imbalance;

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